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Calendar

Oct. 8—J.V. Football vs. Piedmont, here; Frosh Football vs. Piedmont, away
Oct. 9—Varsity Football at Piedmont
Oct. 14—Cross Country at Piedmont
Oct. 15—J.V. Football at Las Lomas; Frosh Football vs. Las Lomas, here
Oct. 16—Rally, Homecoming Game; Varsity Football vs. Las Lomas, here
Oct. 19—Iowa Tests; Parents Club Back to School Night
Oct. 20—Iowa Tests

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The Seniors are in money making activities again. This year they will operate the refreshment booth for the homecoming game against Las Lomas.

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The Girls' Athletic Association will be under the supervision of Miss Howell and Mrs. Davies. Tuesday the G.A.A. will have swimming, Wednesday playing tennis, and Thursday they will be having archery for those who are interested.

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Los Amigos should receive their hats soon. They held Frosh Orientation Day and the Welcoming Dance. This club will also be putting out the annual Student Directory.

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The Humanities Seminars started this year at Miramonte on Tuesday, September 29. The Seminars are open to all students who are interested.

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The Acalanes Pep Club staff, Pres. Joyce Cottrell, advisor Miss Howell, and yell leaders, have begun to make plans for the organization of the group this year. They are starting to set up a new constitution and will elect more officers. This will help make the Pep Club more like the rest of the clubs at Acalanes as far as participation is concerned.

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This year's theme for the homecoming game is "Nursery Rhymes."

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Newly elected Spanish Honorary Officers are: Pres. Chris Cammissa, V.P. Don Ormsbee, Secretary Lynn Spencer, Publicity Chairman Janie Stone, and advisor is Miss Sifuentes.

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District wide courses in Creative Writing and the Humanities are being discussed by school administrators.

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A foreign language field day incorporating all the languages will be held later in the year.

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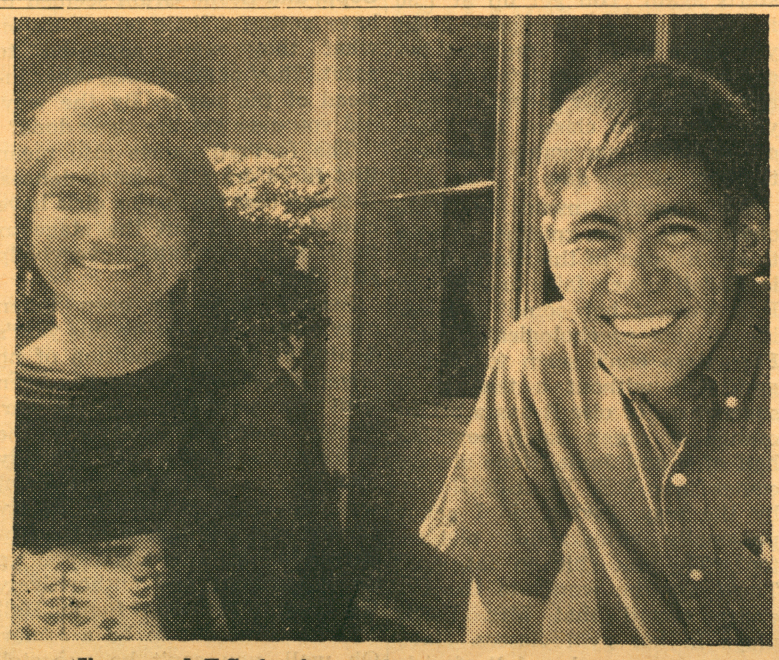
The Yearbook's Silver Anniversary is the 25th of October. This year's book will contain 208 pages.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ASSUME POSITIONS

Student Council Representatives are: Seniors: Jack Jay, Annette Betancourt, Larry Tietig, Greg Malley, and Bruce Neighbor. Juniors include: Steve Daniels, Sue Steinbach, Judy Stensgaard, Dave Stewart, and Dan Jones. Sophs elected: Amy Purrington, Ann Julius, Sally Hunter, Jeff Birowiak, and Gary Larsen. Frosh members are: Dianne Currier, Bobbie Doane, Jean Halstone, Steve Martin, and Sue Salmon.



The new A.F.S. foreign exchange students, Yasu Dhalla and Assif Sarabi, pose for a moment before proceeding to their next class.

DONS GREET YASU AND ASSIF

This fall Acalanes welcomes Assif Sarabi, an exchange student from Afghanistan. Assif, under the American Field Service Program, plans to stay one year at Acalanes while living at the home of Dana Snider.

Assif can be recognized by his broad smile and friendly attitude. He speaks three different languages fluently: Persian, Pushtu, and English, plus a little Arabic. Although he has been at Acalanes a very short time, he has noticed, for example, the homework here being more tedious. His high school in Kabul, which is the capital and largest city of Afghanistan, is composed of 3,000 boys and no girls. The academic program in Kabul is set so that all take prescribed courses. The students stay in one place while the teachers change rooms. All students take three large tests a year, comparable to our finals . . . fun, huh?

Assif arrived in Lafayette in August, after taking a plane from Kabul to New York and a bus from New York to Oakland. The bus ride took four days and four nights and when asked what impressed him the most about the United States, he remarked understandably, that it was the immense size of our country. He was also impressed by the height of the buildings in New York City.

Assif has four brothers and one sister. His father is a doctor and that is what he wishes to become. Assif is seventeen years old and a junior and therefore must complete eight more years of education in Afghanistan after this year at Acalanes to become a doctor.

Like last year, Acalanes also has the privilege of having a girl foreign exchange student. She is Yasu Dhalla, seventeen year old A.F.S. student from Bombay, India.

Yasu, who came here by plane, is enjoying her stay very much. She is living with Cynthia Sedam. The two girls are already very good friends.

In India Yasu went to a private school called Sip. J. J. Girls High School. She took courses such as Hindi, Economics, Logic, English, Persian, P.E., and World History. Here she is taking California History, P.E., American Government, English III, Great Books, Home Ec., and A Cappella. She finds American Government her hardest class and she likes A Cappella best.

When teenagers in India want to have a good time, they do things that are very similar to what is done here. They go on picnics, to parties and to movies. However, there is very little dating.

English is spoken by most Indians, and movies such as **Guns of Navarone,** and **Roman Holiday** are shown with no titles. All business is handled in English.

Yasu went to the Get-Acquainted dance and enjoyed it very much. She learned how to dance slow dances, and now she wants to learn the twist.

Yasu's hobbies are reading and singing. She likes to read fiction and psychology. When she gets out of school she wants to be a psychologist or a psychiatrist. She likes semi-classical music.

The only thing she doesn't like here is the food. "It's not spicy enough." Thinking of India's curries, I can understand her complaint.

SENIOR PLAY — UNDER WAY

Come November 20, this year's Senior Class will put on the traditional Acalanes Senior Class Play in order to raise money for the Senior Fund. This year Mr. Trulsson will assume the role of director, previously held by Mr. Reeves.

"The Importance of Being Earnest," by Wilde, has been chosen by Mr. Trulsson with the approval of all concerned.

Mr. Reeves already has pledged his time, effort, and Stage Cfrat class toward set decoration. Mr. Trulsson will design the set himself and then turn it over to Mr. Reeves. This will take a great burden off of the director. This year there will be a large emphasis on publicity.

The cast will consist of five boys and four girls—Debbie Fink, Woody Underhill, Jerry Bader, Brian Endbom, Darlene Georgian, Lynne Wiggins, Ursula Schilling, Mark Merker, and John Merrill. Once the play is cast the job of the director will begin, and the requirement for additional help will rise. Mr. Trulsson makes it clear that to properly produce the play he will need the assistance of a large "off-stage" staff, to handle the unending details surrounding the play.

DON IN JAPAN! MAKES OLYMPICS

Geoff Picard, Acalanes graduate of 1961, has become a member of the United States Olympic rowing team and will participate in the four-man stroke crew that is competing for world honors at Tokyo, Japan. However, Geoff is not the only Acalanes Don ever to become a member of the Olympic team.

Coach Eaton, who has seen more athletes come and go than anyone at Acalanes, recalled that, "I remember Geoff because he had great spirit, drive, and determination to be the best."

As a Freshman at Harvard (although he is now a Senior) it was reported that he was the strongest Freshman stroke ever seen. Then as a Sophomore, Geoff became a member of the Varsity crew that beat Yale. In Geoff's Junior year, he went to the Olympic trials and participated in an eight-man shell against California, Washington, and Vesper. California was favored in the West and Harvard, of course, was favored in the East. However, Vesper won by a small margin, and Geoff returned to Harvard to practice in a shell team consisting of four men. In a race between the team Geoff was in and another Harvard crew, Geoff's crew lost by two inches. Even so, the Olympic Committee chose Geoff and Bob Swartz (a fellow crew member) as subs for Olympic competition in Tokyo. Geoff immediately went into intensive training two weeks later in Los Angeles and joined the rest of our Olympic squad. The training is completed now and Geoff has flown to Tokyo for the ultimate test of his ability. After the Olympics he will take a tour of the Asian islands, even though he is going to miss a semester of school.

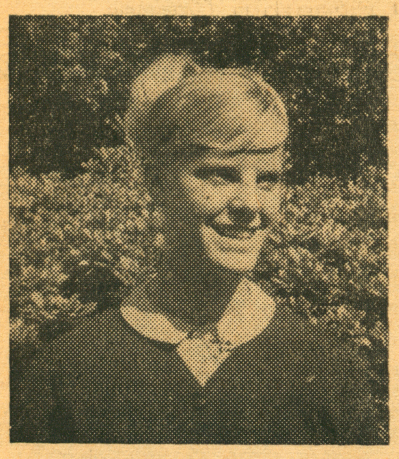
OFFICERS INSTALLED

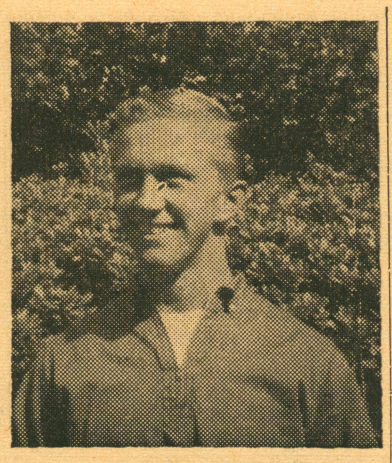
The new officers and representatives of the Acalanes Girls' League met with the advisor, Miss Richardson, on Thursday, September 24, and discussed the program for the coming year.

The executive board discussed the plans for the Mother-Daughter Tea, and the possibility of continuing to support the education of Ida Michael Kessy, a girl in Tanganyka.

The new officers and representatives are President, Lynn Spencer; Vice President, Beki Chamberlain; Secretary, Barbara Horonjeff; Treasurer, Vickie Larson; Senior representative, Jeanette Armstrong and Robin Gibb; Junior representative, Sandy Sherman; Sophomore representative, Jan Wilson; Freshman representative, Carol Mero.

The Soph Hop was a big success this year partly due to the special preparations made by Chris Silla. Her efficient helpers were Sanne Falster, Alexa Esser, Laurene Brekas, Holly Meyer, and Sally Hunter. On the night of October 2, the old gym was turned into an Old English Pub. This proved to be an atmosphere for fun and frolic. Everyone agreed that this was an especially well planned evening.





SENIOR PROFILES

Spanish Honorary, Dance Group and Los Amigos are among the many activities of Linda Westphal. After graduating from Acalanes, Linda plans to attend Chico State for two years. She stated, "I'm planning to go to college to get my M.R.S. degree and if I fail I hope to become a model in San Francisco."

During weekends, Linda occupys her time by sewing. "I'm too cheap to buy my own clothes." Linda likes people with a good sense of humor and people who can take jokes kiddingly. She also likes to water ski and swim. Some of her dislikes are the people who roam around the boardwalk in Santa Cruz on July the Fourth and messy dressers. Linda also hates to stand around during the after-game dances and watch the freshmen play tag.

Linda's most useful class this year is American Gov't. She feels this course will enable her to become a better citizen and help her in the years to come at college.

Linda's most embarrassing moment happened in Santa Cruz. She walked into some grocery store to buy a Seven-Up and as she opened it, the whole thing exploded all over her and the counters. She finally ran outside with it and when she reached the door it stopped squirting. Well, the store employees sure got a laugh but the next day was even more embarrassing when everyone asked Linda, "Weren't you the girl who had the Seven-Up in here the other day?"

If Linda could do anything she wanted, she would put a course in the Acalanes schedule called "How not to be a Snob" since she feels many people would benefit.

Lee Landes is this year's first Senior Profile. This serious-minded, hard studying senior is taking five solids this year and hopes to enter the University of California next fall to study an orthodontistry.

Lee's daily routine consists of stumbling out of bed in the morning, which is, he states, "the hardest part of the day," then dresses and eats and packs himself off to school. After school, the first thing that enters his mind he says is, "getting home and getting something to eat." Then he settles down to his homework.

Lee's hobbies are swimming, going to shows, water skiing, and especially snow skiing. He spent some of his time this summer earning money in order to go skiing this coming winter.

Some of Lee's dislikes are losing football games, jammed lockers, snobby people, Diet-Rite Cola, and especially brussel sprouts. He states with real fervor, "What bothers me the most, though, is when people spell or pronounce my last name wrong." Like all American boys, Lee likes steaks, potatoes, girls, and with some hesitation he adds trigonometry, one of his solids this year.

When asked what his most embarrassing moment was, he says, "Well, I don't know, I get embarrassed real easily, and everything seems like it's the most embarrassing. One thing's for sure, though, I'd never in my life take a public speaking course. I'd probably get so red I'd set the school on fire."

THIS IS ACALANES

By BECKY HART

"Only 158 school days to go!" This seems to be one of the more common phrases being tossed around Acalanes. Just think, we've only been in school for four weeks and one day and it seems like we never left. The days of going to bed late and getting up late are over. Sadest of all is that **Cindy Copp** and **Leslie Grant** are no longer able to "make the rounds."

The same old routine of school starts again. You get up at 7:30 in the morning which means that you have to skip breakfast because you're already late for your ride. You usually sleep through your first two classes and then, out of habit, you watch the clock the rest of the day.

P.E. usually means a little change in the routine. Weird things happen in this class. **Jackie Cadell** never fails to come to P.E. without her comb? I guess it's all just psychological. **Jackie Ferrogiaro** can't seem to find a gym suit without a tear in it somewhere or else it has a bright orange or green patch covering half of it and **Janie Stone** always comes into P.E. YELLING! Oh, by the way, **Jackie,** do I get a personally autographed picture, too? "Go you chicken fat, go!" These are the words to the exercise record that Mrs. Davis plays in her gym classes. Have you ever seen a class full of girls trying to do push-ups?

After 7th period comes the tough part of the day. You've got to find a ride home or shall I say "mooch" a ride home. This is especially hard for the seniors since naturally they can't take a bus. Two senior girls got really desperate one day. **Kathy Okerstrom** offered them a ride home. The only catch was that her car was full and they'd have to ride in the trunk. Have you ever driven along a highway and all of a sudden spotted two hands waving out of a partially closed trunk of a car later to be followed by two heads? Well . . . it's better than riding the bus, isn't it? I also hear that the two girls are going to carpet and furnish the back of the trunk now.

Football games have started at Acalanes and the Rally members have really been busy with selling student body cards, decorating goal posts and painting signs. **Dan Boyle, Sue McMeans, Cindy Copp, and Leslie Grant** seemed to have gotten a little mixed up on what they were supposed to paint. They painted each other instead of the paper. By the way, did you ever get the signs done?

The football games also mean that there are after game dances. It seems that the senior girls have already staked out the stage as their spot to watch everybody **else** dance.

Senior Hall has been taken over with great zest by this year's Senior class. The tradition of no lower classmen allowed has been kept up magnificently so far. Seniors station themselves at the doors every lunch period. Already two freshmen, unaware of what was happening, have been bodily carried out. It gets a little embarrassing though when you go up to someone and authoritively tell them to get out of Senior Hall and he turns out to be a senior. Oh well, you can't be expected to know everyone.

Choir Groups Elect Officers

Mr. Hansen's choir groups have elected their officers for this year. In A Cappella, Woody Underhill is student director, Judy Guilkey is secretary - treasurer, Leslie Grant is librarian, manager is Pete Small, and representative is Gretchen Jacobson. The Mixed Choir has as its officers Jim Anderson (student director), Jane Favor (secretary-treasurer), Aleda Luna (librarian), Clark Wright (manager), and Cindy Perkins (representative).

For Girls' Ensemble, the officers are as follows: student director — Sally Hunter, secretary-treasurer — Debbie Morrison, librarian—Leslie Peterson, manager—Mary Reibin, and representative—Deanna Link. Girls' Chorus officers are Mary McPeak—student director, Bonnie Whittaker — secretary-treasurer, Bobby Doane—librarian, Robin Dana — manager, and Kim Collett — representative. Finally, in Boys' Chorus, Ted Stratton is student director, Dick Ponting is secretary-treasurer, Rod Olson is librarian, Greg Fisher is manager, and Chuck Nagy is the representative.

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Mr. Smith Visits India

Mr. Roger Smith, Acalanes world history and geography teacher, spent a memorable eight weeks this past summer as a student and traveler in India. Departing from New York under the sponsorship of a Fullbright-Hayes Grant, he and 20 other American teachers attended classes for four weeks in Delhi and at the University of Moisore. Instruction was offered in the history and culture of the country, as well as the present status, by eminent Indian government officials and teachers.

Travel in this land was not as difficult as one might imagine, since the variety of languages demands the use of English on road signs, in government business, and in many classrooms. Although almost 40 per cent of the population speak Hindi, there are 15 local languages scattered throughout the country. Thus, says Mr. Smith, the educated Indian must master English and Hindi as well as his local tongue if he wants to succeed.

The group was greeted everywhere with hospitality by the Indians, a basically happy and religious people, despite many problems. The teachers were constantly reminded of India's population by roadsigns urging smaller families, but were otherwise not aware of the countries great mass of people. This was due, Mr. Smith says ,to the fact that most Indians stay off the roads. An exception to the rule was Calcutta, a city of six million, yet designed for one and a half million.

Mr. Smith emphasized that all the superlatives used to describe the Taj Mahal were no exaggeration. He found the entire country interesting, but found this ancient tomb especially enjoyable.

After a bout with the worst monsoon to hit the area in many years, the group proceeded back to the United States via Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Tokyo; thus completing a round-the-world trip of many memories.

FEATURE TEACHER

Mrs. Ramey, one of our biology teachers, attended the University of Oregon where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees. She majored in biology and didn't have any plans concerning teaching, but when she married a teacher (Mr. Ramey is a coach at Alhambra) she decided that she would also like to teach. Before her teaching career, she worked in a hospital as a lab technician and she has now taught school for eleven years, five of which were spent here at Acalanes.

Mrs. Ramey likes to teach, but she says that the biology room is not at all adequate. According to her, there are not enough plug ins, the lighting is insufficient, and the room is too small. The size of the room seems to be the cause of many "troubles" with the audiovisual equipment. Maneuvering it in a small area often results in accidents.

Mrs. Ramey, her husband, and her two daughters, like to travel. Last summer they went to Mexico and this year to Puget Sound, where they enjoyed salmon fishing and water skiing.

With a daughter at College Park, a husband who is the football coach at Alhambra, and a teaching job at Acalanes, Mrs. Ramey says that emotions conflict on game nights. Each member of the family roots for a different team to win, with the exception of five-year-old Kim, who isn't too interested in the outcome of the games.

Mrs. Ramey is the sponsor for Acadonnas, who are a group of students who help in convalescent homes as a community service.

Mrs. Ramey is an able and helpful instructor and a pleasant person—but why was she carrying that snake in her purse?

ACALANES EXTENDS WELCOME TO MR. SNODGRASS AND MR. GLANZ

Mr. Garland Snodgrass, the new German I, II and III teacher, began his first year of high school teaching on September 10 in the Acalanes High School District. When asked if he is satisfied with Acalanes, he replied, "Yes, very much so, in fact, it makes it more interesting when my students are bright and attentive, which they are." After an eight-and-one-half year stay in Germany, which is where he learned all the German he knows today, he came to the United States with hopes of teaching American students the German language as spoken there.

Mr. Snodgrass majored in Russian, astonishingly enough, at the University of Oklahoma, Syracuse University, and the University of New York. Then, during World War II he worked as an interpreter in Europe for the Air Force. After the war he worked as a music conductor while he studied music at the Oakland Technical High School in Oakland.

Some of Mr. Snodgrass's hobbies are snow skiing, painting, and ice skating. He became a skating champion in 1947. Another of his hobbies is cars, which is truly illustrated by the vintage Mercedes Benz he drives around.

Acalanes welcomes Mr. Sherwin Glanz, a new member of the foreign language department, who is teaching Spanish this year.

Mr. Glanz graduated from UCLA, later doing post graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley and Mexico City College.

This eligible bachelor has previously taught at Yreka High School in Northern California and Arcadia High School near Los Angeles. He has also served two years in the Army in Europe.

Mr. Glanz has traveled in Mexico, South America and Spain. His interest in anthropology led him to Mexico where he developed an interest in teaching Spanish.

Besides these interests his hobbies are playing the guitar and participating in a friendly game of tennis.

Mr. Glanz is also qualified to teach Social Studies and English.

Citizenship Grades Promote Responsibility

Citizenship grades are given for the benefit of the student in hopes that they will promote both self-reliance and responsibility. Every student begins each quarter with 100 points; whether he adds to or subtracts from this number depends upon him, as an individual of the Acalanes student body.

The minimum points for an A are 106; for a B, 95-105; C, 87-94; D, 80-86; F, 79 and below. Students have the opportunity to raise their initial 100 points up to those necessary for an A, by participating in offices and services within the student body. Any extra services—from cake sales to class offices—add points to one's grade.

The number of citizenship points awarded for extra-curricular activities is set by a committee consisting of one Sophomore, two Juniors, three Seniors, and two faculty members. This committee also takes it upon itself to deduct citizenship points in order to reprimand those students who so need it.

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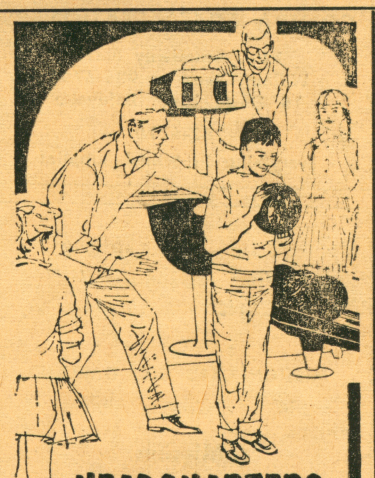
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FALCONS DEFEAT DONS

A touchdown in the fourth quarter gave College Park a 19-18 victory over the Acalanes Dons, who led throughout most of the game.

The Dons led the Falcons all the way until the last four and a half minutes of play. The Dons opened up the scoring early in the first quarter when Mark McDougall broke into the open and ran 40 yards for a touchdown. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful. The Falcons then went on to tie the score.

The Dons opened up the second period with a long down field drive. Jim Tucker then connected with Jack Jay from the Falcon 20, putting the Dons ahead 12-6. The conversion kick was good, but was nullified by a penalty. The second attempt was blocked and the all important point that could have meant a tie was lost. The Falcons again went on the move and by half time the score read 12-12.

In the third quarter the Acalanes squad traveled 47 yards in six plays. Larry Tietig carried the ball over the goal line from two yards out making the score 18-12. The conversion attempt was again unsuccessful.

In the fourth quarter the Falcons started a 60-yard drive to score. With the clock showing four and a half minutes the Falcons made the one successful conversion kick of the game to gain the lead for the first time at 19-18. The Dons made a desperate attempt to score but time ran out for the hard-fighting squad. Coach Cockerton said that there had been a great improvement in the team since the last game, and showed optimism for the rest of the season.

Dons Lose First Game

Due to some tough breaks and numerous fumbles, Acalanes lost its first game of the season, 33-0, to the Pleasant Hill Rams.

Our first fumble occurred on the very first play from scrimmage. Larry Tietig was hit hard trying to sweep around the left end and lost the ball. Pleasant Hill recovered the fumble on the Don 24 and marched on to score. The Rams scored on three of the four fumbles we lost.

The Dons had one real scoring threat in the first quarter. Starting from their own 23, with Mark McDougal and Larry Tietig carrying, they picked up three first downs in a row to the Ram 12, but then lost the ball on downs.

The one fumble that the Dons recovered was in the third quarter. Dave Toll hit Tim Conger, the Pleasant Hill quarterback, causing Conger to lose the ball, which Toll quicky recovered.

Some brighter parts of the game were these: Jim Tucker tossed six completed passes for a total gain of 92 yards; Tietig averaged 3.2 yards a carry; while McDougall averaged 2.7 yards.

Geoff Picard, Acalanes graduate, is Tokyo bound.

ATHLETE OF WEEK

Acalanes' first athlete of the week is Mark McDougall, for his fine performance in the football game against College Park on September 25, 1964. Mark highlighted the game with a fabulous 40-yard sprint to put the Dons on the scoreboard early in the game. Although Mark has been out for football for three years, this is the first year he's played varsity ball.

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